## **ABSTRACT: ANNUAL SYNAR REPORT**

**Purpose of Synar Survey:** To randomly survey licensed tobacco retailers across North Dakota checking compliance with laws that prohibit the sale of tobacco products to minors. **This is not an enforcement activity**, it is a check on compliance.

# of Years Synar Survey Has Been Conducted: 12

Who Has to Comply with Synar: All 50 States and 9 Jurisdictions

Table 1. Summary of Results, 2005-2008

	2008	2007	2006	2005
Tobacco Retailer Violation Rate	1.7%	5.8%	8.1%	7.8%
# of Attempts by Minors to Purchase Tobacco	239	277	221	219
# of <b>Successful</b> Attempts by Minors to Purchase Tobacco	4	16	18	17
# of Counties in which Successful Attempts Were Made	3	10	14	13

## **North Dakota**

Noncompliance Rate 1995-1996: Over 50%

Noncompliance Rate in 2001: 16.8%

Noncompliance Rate for 2002-2008: Less than 10%

## **Nationwide**

Noncompliance Rate prior to Implementation of Synar: 60-90% Noncompliance Rate in 1997 (first year of Synar Survey): 40%

Noncompliance Rate in 2006: 11%

The Synar Amendment requires that States maintain a noncompliance rate at or below 20%, or they could lose up to 40% of SAPT Block Grant funding.

## **For FFY 2007**

# of States (including the District of Columbia) at or below 20%: 51 # of States (including the District of Columbia) at or below 10%: 26

Amount of Block Grant Funding **ND** Receives: \$5.1 million